

# Y5 Autumn Term

## English

Our main class text this half term will be Fire Bed and Bone. We will be reading and writing a variety of texts linked to our topic, the plague, to write a narrative from a character's point of view, a speech based on a significant historical event and use our topic knowledge to write a non-fiction text. Next half term we will read Cosmic. We will use the text as inspiration to write a formal letter, and informal letter, a newspaper report and an application to be an astronaut! Throughout all of these pieces of writing we will extend our grammar knowledge including, sentence types, punctuation and handwriting. We will do a lot of work on editing and publishing our work.

### TOPIC

The title of our topic this half term is Pestilence. During this history based topic we will learn about the plague...The Great Pestilence! We will place events in chronological order, discover the gruesome symptoms of the plague and the unsuccessful remedies they tried to cure the terrifying disease!

Next half term, our topic is Stargazers. During this science based topic we will investigate the solar system, Earth and space, forces and working scientifically. We will discover the effects of gravity and significant individuals who have influenced the world and beyond!

## Maths

Our main focus for the maths this term will be the place value and calculation.

We will be working hard to secure all mental calculation methods alongside the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The children will begin to learn about fractions, shapes and amounts in more depth, solving problems and making links to the wider world therefore any opportunities to use these skills would support your child's learning.

In Year 5, we continue to build up speed recalling multiplication facts and addition facts—our 'learn its'. Tasks will be set on TT Rockstars.

Miss Cliff, Miss Pace, Mrs Froggatt  
and Mrs Punshon

PE Sessions will be on a Monday afternoon.

# KS2 Curriculum Information

## Homework

Every child has a homework record book to record their daily tasks in. They will complete this with the teacher . It will be the child's responsibly to make sure the book is in school every day.

### Children are set regular tasks

**Task 1—Learn its—**each week the children will have focus 'learn its' to learn. They need to be able to instantly recall the fact, without working it out. Say it, write it, recall it.

**Task 2—Spellings—**children will be given weekly spellings to learn. Look, cover, write, check.

**Task 3— TT Rockstars—**children will be asked to take part in activities to work their way up the leader board and try to reach the Leighswood 'Hall of Fame'

**Task 4—Reading—**Children should be reading every night and recording what they have read in their reading records. In Y3 and Y4 we ask that an adult supports them. By Y5 and Y6, fluent readers can keep their own records. However , we ask that all children read to an adult at least once a week.

### Reading books and reading records should be in school every day.

**Task 5—**Each term the class will be set a topic homework project.

### Tuck and Lunches

Children can bring in a healthy snack for morning break—a piece of fruit or a breakfast bar for example.

Packed lunches should be healthy and balanced.  
Water is available.

### Feeding Brains

We encourage the children to bring a sports style bottle to school filled with water as it is scientifically proved that sipping water throughout the day can hydrate the brain and as a result help the children learn.

In our quest to cut down on the amount of plastics we use in school, we ask that children bring a refillable bottle only.

## PE

Every child takes part in PE lessons. They need blue shorts and a yellow T-shirt as well as pumps or suitable trainers in school every day. One afternoon a week, the children work with a specialist sports coach on a wide range of skills. Weather permitting, this session will mainly take place outside. So in addition to their PE kits, when the weather is cold, children may also wear black/blue jogging bottoms and sweatshirts.

Throughout the year, the children will also have additional morning PE sessions with their class teacher and one year group each term will also visit Oak Park for swimming lessons.

Children should remove ear-rings and watches and long hair should be tied back.

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